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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM:

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Acting Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

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SUBJECT: Impact of Personnel Cuts (FY-1983 Allocation) [redacted]

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1. Per your request, I am advising the impact of the 12-position cut from the FBIS FY-1983 allocation of positions. To absorb the reduction we will:

a. Cut 3 from the 8 positions we planned to add to Analysis Group. This means no forward movement in our very limited pilot program for Middle East media analysis. We will also not fill a China analyst position we had planned to devote to new materials available on Chinese military affairs.

b. Also cut 9 positions from the 24 earmarked for Production Group. Five will be taken from the S&T area--1 North Europe, 2 USSR, 1 Japan, and 1 Portuguese (Brazil). This will adversely affect FBIS reporting on free world technological developments, nuclear and nonnuclear engery, computer production, integrated circuit production, and industrial robots. In the Soviet area, we will continue to be limited in our ability to cover computer developments and mathematics research. Loss of 4 non-S&T positions--1 Amharic/Somali, 1 Turkish/Kurdish, 1 Japanese, and 1 Korean--means we will postpone plans to add additional coverage in the vernacular press and journals available in those languages.

c. Have to convert other operational positions for establishment of the Systems Development Staff. Of the 10 positions planned for this staff, we currently have only 4 positions on the T/O. Three of the remaining positions were to have been culled from the groups and 3 from anticipated new positions in FY-1983 and FY-1984. [redacted]

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2. Thus the 12-position cut in FY-1983, on the heels of the recent \$1 million contributed for reprogramming in DDS&T, will limit our forward movement in the above areas and affect our effort to gear up for 1984-89

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modernization. The resources available for our Modernization Program are continuing to decline through successive cuts; the attached chart might be helpful for you in ascertaining the effects reductions are having on our upgrade program. ☐

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